

Leigh & District Association Football Referees' Society

Annual General Meeting held Thursday 21st May 2009

Mr Harrop in the chair with the following members present: F Mort, D Tighe, N Lea, D Renshaw, G Knowles, P Haworth, R Birchall, R Drake, A Bennett, M Smith, K Berry, C Berry, G Halliwell, L Clarkson, D Sims, G Finch and K Evans N D'Arcy, R Thorpe J Waterfall, L Clarkson, T Nicolaides, C White and C White

Guests: J Bennett, Jeanette Berry

Apologies offered and accepted from: C Mountford, D Wilson, M Smith
Members stood in silence as mark of respect to society member Frank Brown who had passed away in June 2008

Minutes of the meeting held Thursday 29th May 2008 had been distributed to all members and copies available at the meeting. The minutes were then proposed as a true record by D Sims and seconded by J Waterfall

Correspondence

Correspondence received:

- Eccles RA magazine
- Lancashire FA regulation and control of referees kit information
- Referees Association voting cards and minutes
- Invoice PG Sports polo shirts and additional jackets
- Referees Association receipts memberships
- Lancashire FA cup final ticket allocation
- Lancashire Referees Association meeting minutes and AGM notices
- Football Association safeguarding children renewal information
- Refereeing magazine
- Lancashire FA information on date of respect course 16th June 2009

Correspondence despatched

1. Lancashire FA Respect the referee (members course)

Matters arising: None

President's report:

Mr Harrop gave a report on his overview of the society; he felt the society had moved on from the previous season, where we could now boast a membership of 55. This was mainly due to the hard work of the society's senior members namely the Frank Mort and Duncan Tighe. In particular it was great to see younger members joining the society and in addition attending society meeting. Again the RA draw had been a

major success so had the Christmas function, in addition he was looking forward to the golf day. In closing it was good to see so many members on the ladder of success no more so than Karl Evans who was on the football league referees list

Secretary's report

It would also be appropriate at this juncture to mention my colleagues on the society management committee (that's what we do), it's a pleasure to be involved with colleagues of such stature that can see and are prepared to move from the norm for the benefit of all in the society. Our President and Treasurer, who I know works tirelessly, as the Chairman who also has played a great part in modifying the society, ensuring that meetings are not boring (they were) no politics just referees talking about referees. Our media Officer who's overseeing of the website has been a breath of fresh air, another modern idea. Our magazine editor, who for a young guy has added a new dimension to the society, In addition to that picking up the academy baton, he is another shining light. It has been an honour to work with some of them over the past thirteen years, and enlightening working with others who have taken up tasks in the last few years and months In addition all my colleagues on the society Executive have all played their part in this society's progression, over the past twelve months.

There are always going to be ups and downs and this season we have experienced both as a group and some of us as individuals. However as long as I am ensconced in the position of Secretary I will ensure the society will back, mentor, train and promote society members and always act in their best interests, may not always be pretty, but that's how I am, and we as a society should promote and act in members best interests, not just to meet on the third Thursday of every month from August through to May. He echoed sentiments stated by the treasurer saying it was great to see so many youngsters now in the society. In all his tenure had proved formative and this would possibly be his last season as society secretary, however that would be reviewed if need be. In addition he noted that the Chairman Mr Mort was also in the same frame of mind

In closing I hope you enjoy the break and can get away from it all on holiday I will be holidaying at least twice. It is a pleasure to be secretary of this forward thinking non-political society that produces quality match officials. I hope to carry on serving you the members for some time yet and we SHALL continue forward.

Treasurer's report:

Mr Harrop gave a review of the society finances as of close of business on 31st December 2008. He continued to state that the society finances were in good state he highlighted various items.

Presentation of balance sheet: Mr Harrop presented the society balance sheet it was noted that we had a healthy balance and we were comfortable. No items or questions were raised regarding the balance sheet

Auditors report: Both Mr Mountford and Mr Wilson were not present at the meeting however a written report had been submitted and they both concurred that the

society accounts were in excellent order. Some salient points of note were it was a good idea to have two existing accounts and also it was thought a good idea to allow members a free membership in their second year rather than the first this ensured sustainability and grow of genuine members, in addition the account for training in the name of deceased member Frank Brown was also good

A vote of thanks was offered to retiring Officers from F Mort who expressed the membership's gratitude to each of the society's Officers, G Halliwell seconded this

Election of Officers

Elected 'en bloc' proposed by D Renshaw and seconded by N Lea accepted by all present via spoken acceptance bar for one abstention

President: [David Harrop](#)

Chairman: [Frank Mort](#)

Vice Chairman [Karl Evans](#)

Secretary [Duncan Tighe](#)

Treasurer [David Harrop](#)

Executive committee members: [N Lea](#), [Paul Haworth](#), [David Renshaw](#) and [Gary Halliwell](#)

Presentation of awards

Jim Warburton Merit Award recipient [James Waterfall](#)

Stuart Hide Most Conscientious Referee Trophy [Carl Berry](#)

Roy Birchall Meritorious Award [David Renshaw](#)

Jack Boardman Trophy [Leigh](#)

Karl Evans Trophy [Tom Nicolaides](#)

With no other business the meeting was closed at 9.25